

March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Celebrate the power of reading and stories with us. All of this week we are shining an even bigger spotlight on reading.

Beyond the events going on in the Library (see message from Mrs Chester), we also have our 6 Word Story competition - the link between reading and writing is clear!

All lessons will include a portion of our 'Story in a Day' so that we can have a shared reading experience.

Don't forget you can use your WBD book token to buy one of the special WBD books OR to get a £1 off any book at all that you fancy...why not visit our local Hungerford Bookshop to see what treats are there for you...?

Remember what Mrs Quigley said in her assembly about 'Read to Succeed' - if fiction doesn't float your boat, try reading some non-fiction...check out 'The Day' or a news site or a newspaper...I have attached her assembly resources if you want to remind yourself why reading is so important and so that you can see the ideas suggested by Faculty Leads linked to reading in different subjects.

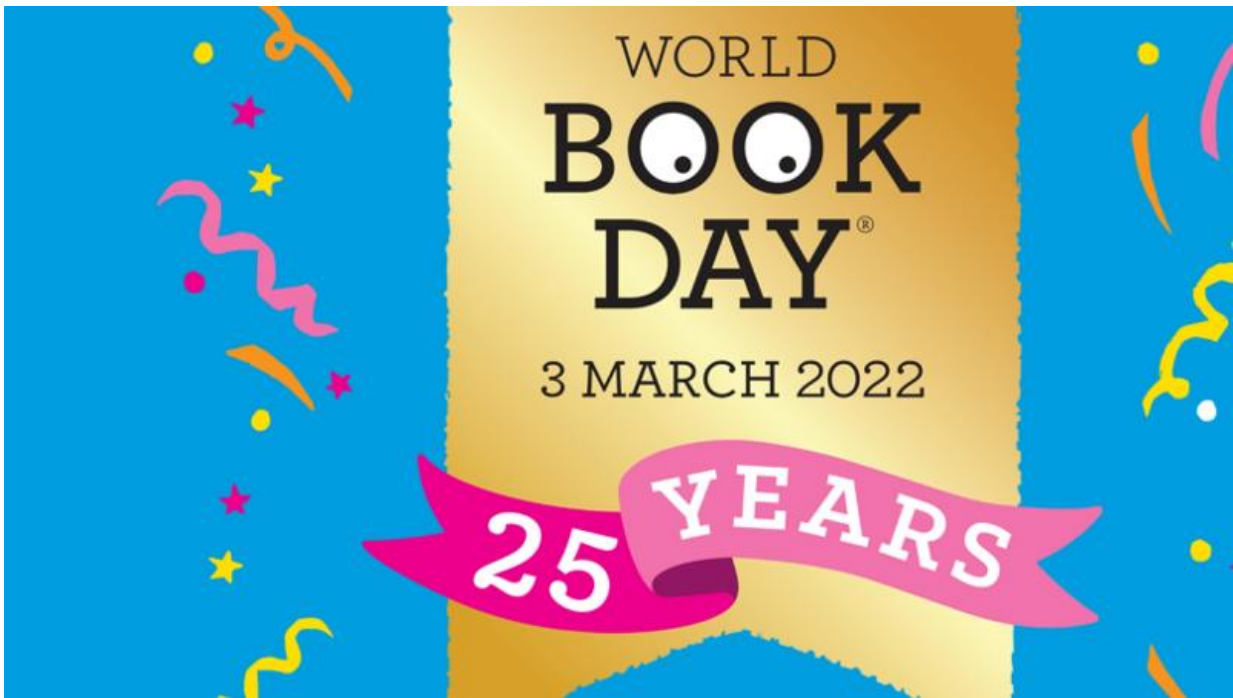
Read to succeed...
Read to understand the world...
Reading is power.

Happy reading everyone!

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Morgan
AVP for Teaching & Learning



YOU ARE A READER

THERE IS A BOOK FOR EVERYONE

<p>1</p> <p>CHECK OUT THE FRONT COVER</p> <p>Does it make you want to find out more about the book?</p>	<p>2</p> <p>DRAWN IN BY WHAT YOU SEE?</p> <p>Read the blurb on the back – does it make you want to read the book?</p>
<p>3</p> <p>FIRST PAGE CHECK</p> <p>Does the first page make you want to carry on reading the rest of the book?</p>	<p>4</p> <p>GET READING</p> <p>Or have another go at finding the right book for you!</p>
<p>5</p> <p>STILL STUCK? ASK FOR A RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>Ask a friend, family member, teacher or librarian to recommend a book they enjoyed.</p>	

Reading is about books and...

COMIC BOOKS AND GRAPHIC NOVELS

AUDIOBOOKS

MAGAZINES

CHECKING OUT POETRY VIDEOS ON SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

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Reading is powerful:

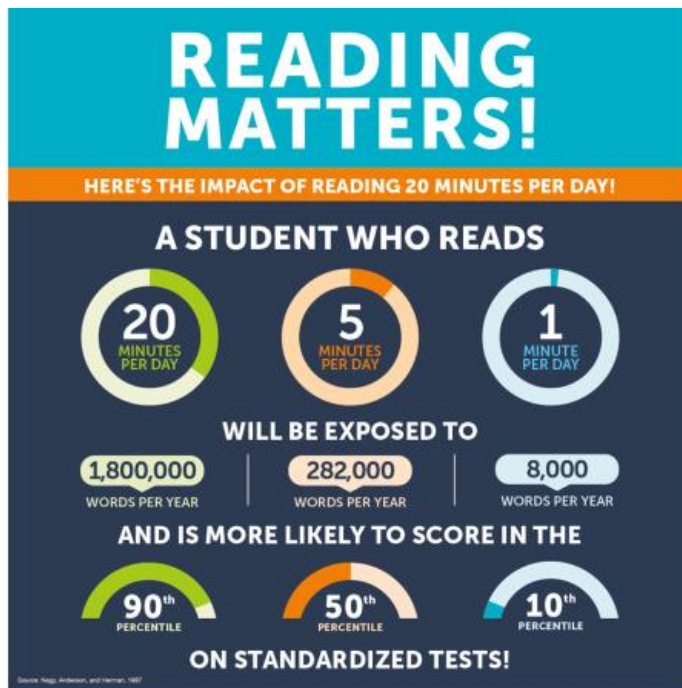
- It can change the way you think
- Teach you to be empathetic and understand others better
- Help you to learn more about yourself or overcome situations
 - Books can make you laugh, cry, feel scared or thrilled
 - Inform and educate you
- Create memories with loved ones through the shared experience of reading
 - Provide escapism, be relaxing and help you sleep better
 - Teach you a new skill
 - Improve your writing skills and creativity

YOU ARE A READER

When we read books, the stories in them transport us from the world we are in to the world within the pages of the book. To be transported by a book requires the reader to have an emotional response to the book, to visualise the story and eventually, become immersed in it. As a reader, I consider myself lucky to have read several books that have made me lose awareness of my existing surroundings and drawn me into the story unravelling in the book.

"There's always room for a story that can transport people to another place." – J.K. Rowling





New study highlights the importance of reading to the whole school curriculum

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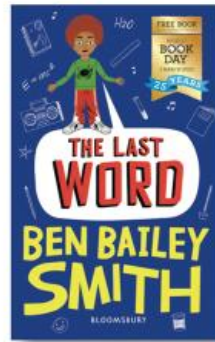
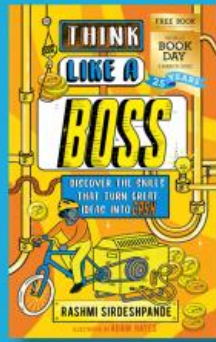
Children who are weak readers will struggle as much in maths and science at GCSE as they do in English and in arts subjects, according to one of the biggest ever studies of student reading.

The findings show that while there is a significant connection between reading ability and success in all GCSE subjects, the link between good reading and good grades is actually higher in maths than in some arts subjects like English literature and history.



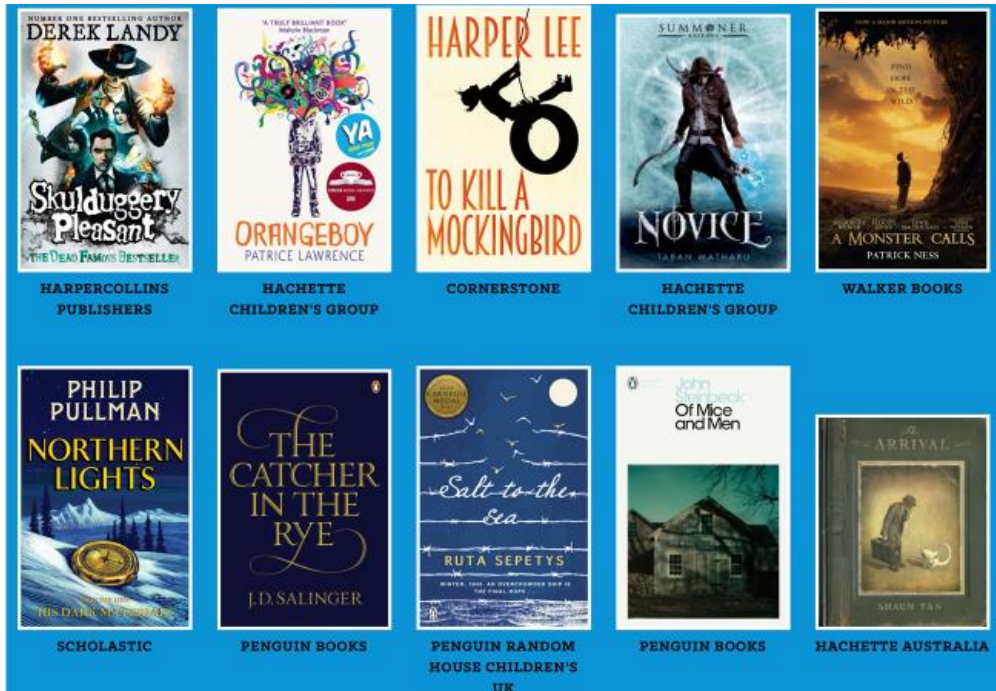
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READING AROUND YOUR GCSE SUBJECTS

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Religious Studies



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